FY 2009 Capital Budget TPS Report 49463

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Boys And Girls Club, Woodland Park Federal Tax ID: 920036082

Clubhouse

Project Title:

Boys and Girls Club, Woodland Park Clubhouse - Commercial Grade Kitchen Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$ 78,000 House District: 26 - M

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funds would allow for the renovation and equipment necessary for a much needed kitchen upgrade at the Woodland Park boys and Girls Club in Anchorage.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$78,000

<u>Funding Secured</u> <u>Other Pending Requests</u> <u>Anticipated Future Need</u>

Amount FY Amount FY Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This is a public health and education priority. The Woodland Park Club hosts an after school youth development program for children and teens, as well as an early learning center for babies, toddler and pre-K youth. 60% of the 131 children participating in the early learning program are day care assistance clients who come from struggling and often dual working households. The Boys and Girls club would like to renovate its current kitchen facility to allow for inclusive meal service for these kids. A commercial grade kitchen will allow for healthy balanced meals to be prepared in-house. The kitchen would also allow for healthy snacks to be provided to the after school program participants.

Project Timeline:

If funds are granted, rennovations will begin fall of 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Boys and Girls Club of Alaska

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Senator Hollis French Representative Lindsey Holmes State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801

January 17, 2008

Dear Senator French and Representative Holmes,

As valued Club friends and steadfast youth advocates, we appreciate your perennial support of our efforts in your district, and statewide. Your influence has made a significant impact on the youth we serve, keeping fields and green spaces safe and available for young athletes to build skills and toddlers to chase visiting geese. As we move ahead on our strategic plan to elevate the Boys & Girls Clubs of Woodland Park as our signature and anchor Clubhouse, we have a critical project in need of your leadership - a commercial grade kitchen renovation.

As you know, the Woodland Park Club hosts not only our after school youth development program for West Anchorage children and teens, but also an early learning center for babies, toddlers and pre-Kindergarten youth. Boys & Girls Clubs Child Development Center cares for 131 young children, 60% of whom are day-care assistance clients. We respectfully request your coleadership so that we may further assist these struggling families, and our other dual-working parent families, with inclusive meal service at this site. A commercial grade kitchen will enable us to serve balanced, family style lunches to our youngest members, and provide healthy snacks to older children visiting after school and during summer and winter breaks. The legislature's timely investment of \$78,000 means healthy food and snacks may be served to children ages 9 months to 18 years as early as this fall!

Again, please accept this correspondence as Boys & Girls Clubs' request for \$78,000 in district discretionary capital support for kitchen equipment and renovation expenses at Boys & Girls Club of Woodland Park. We welcome the opportunity to assist the community in service expansion to youth and families. Please feel free to call John at (907) 770-7337, or you may reach Noelle at (907) 770-7335 with any questions or comments regarding this project, or programs in your district.

Best wishes for a productive legislative session, and we'll see you in Juneau soon.

Sincerely

John P. Oates President and CEO Noelle Hardt

Senior VP, Gov't Investments



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